

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST TO RESTRUCTURE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO MAKE THE COMMISSION MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF CONSUMERS, THUS RESTORING THE PUBLIC TRUST, AND TO ALTER A PATTERN THAT HAS SHOWN THE COMMISSION TO BE OVERLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE INTERESTS OF THE UTILITY COMPANIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE STOCKHOLDERS.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah urge the Florida Legislature and Governor Charlie Crist to restructure the Florida Public Service Commission to make the Commission more responsive to the needs and concerns of consumers, thus restoring the public trust, and to alter a pattern that has shown the Commission to be overly sympathetic to the interests of the utility companies and their respective stockholders; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Public Service Commission (hereinafter referred to as "PSC") is an independent regulatory agency created by the Florida Legislature to serve the public by regulating utilities and the rates they charge consumers; and

WHEREAS, the PSC regulates public utilities including telecommunications, electricity, natural gas, water and wastewater; and

WHEREAS, the PSC is currently considering a request by Florida Power & Light to raise its base rates 30 percent beginning next year, in what would be the largest such increase in 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is investigating the PSC due to a complaint alleging potential conflicts of interest between the PSC and the utilities they regulate, including ex-parte communications in violation of Florida's Sunshine Law; and

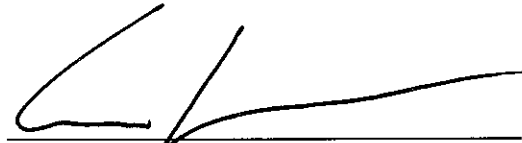
WHEREAS, through its actions, the PSC has lost the public trust, and should be restructured to restore that trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

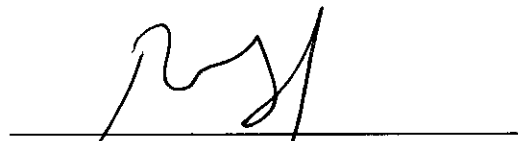
Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida urge the Florida Legislature and Governor Charlie Crist to restructure the Florida Public Service Commission to make the Commission more responsive to the needs and concerns of consumers, thus restoring the public trust, and to alter a pattern that has shown the Commission to be overly sympathetic to the interests of the utility companies and their respective stockholders.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of October, 2009.

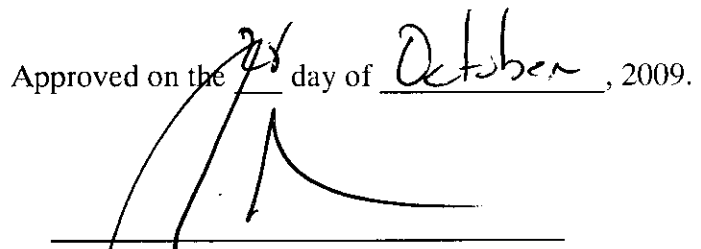


Carlos Hernandez
Council President

Attest:



Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Approved on the 28 day of October, 2009.


Mayor Julio Robaina

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:



William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a 6-0 vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Yedra voting "Yes" and Councilmember Cue absent.